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Gifting the essentials to students can provide welcome relief



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A laundry basket filled with essentials is a quick-to-make and useful gift for college students.



While it is great to get new clothes or the newest technology, many college students are finding themselves in a funk when it comes to money and things they need. Receiving presents that are resourceful and essential for the holidays might be the big relief that college students need.

"I would be pretty excited to get essentials for Christmas," Ciara Chambers, sophomore in political science, said. "My parents don't spend that much money on Christmas, so if I got the things that I really need for college, [I] wouldn't have to spend my own money on that stuff later down the line."

Many college students find themselves in similar situations and do not want to toss out their own cash on something like laundry detergent. Laundry detergent can cost nearly \$10. That is without the added cost of anything non-essential, but still useful such as dryer sheets, fabric softener, stain remover or color catchers.

An easy way to wrap this all up would be to fill a laundry basket with all of the essentials to clean clothes and include a roll or two of quarters for hitting the laundromat. All of these items added up offers a practical gift for the holidays and could come in as low as \$50.

Ice scrapers are another thing some students find themselves asking for. Often times students from warmer parts of the country do not think to invest in an ice scraper. Students may have never had a need for one in the past. Ice scrapers can be cheap, but one that will be a little nicer and last a longer time could cost around \$10. It's an easy gift for a friend to wrap up and place under a tree.

"I actually got an ice scraper last year for Christmas, and it is



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Ramen is a cheap yet convenient gift college students are sure to enjoy.

literally the coolest thing ever," Andrea Hopkins, sophomore in industrial engineering, said. "You put your hand into a glove and it keeps your hand warm and actually works really well. You kind of have to see it, but it really is the best ice scraper ever, and I am so happy that I had that under my tree."

Other students may want

something like a more entertaining as a holiday gift. A Netflix subscription essentially buys a variety of your favorite shows and movies that college students could enjoy watching during their free time. You can actually buy Netflix online as a gift and choose the number of months you would like to purchase. Also, they now have the option to pick out a gift

card design and print it off all in the convenience of your own home.

"I would really love it if my parents got me Netflix for Christmas," Evan Engwall, senior in chemical engineering, said. "Honestly, that would probably be one of my favorite presents, because I know I would actually use it instead of just getting another T-shirt to

toss into my closet."

Portable chargers would also be an essential tool that many students could utilize. Cell phones, tablets, computers and other devices frequently die while sitting in class or using them throughout the day. It can be frustrating waiting for your device to recharge, so a portable charger would ensure that one's device never runs out of juice.

In terms of essentials, nothing is more fitting for students than textbooks.

College students might ask family to buy textbooks. They often try to stretch their student loans and financial aid throughout the entire semester. Some would love to know that they are going to get a little help for their books come the new semester.

Maybe one could even get away with asking for an entire semester of college as a really nice gift.

Another sigh of financial relief could be having rent paid for a month or two during the holiday season. A gift of financial freedom is a gift many college students could love beyond measure.

Gifts that are cost efficient for friends and roommates are sometimes hard to find. Instead of buying a cheap knickknack, try purchasing cheap essentials that college kids will utilize.

Food is an area that college kids end up spending a lot of their money. A box full of ramen noodles, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, canned soups, granola bars and other foods to tide a typical college kid over for a while are a great idea that will not go unnoticed. Give your friends the gift of food.

Another idea that one's friends will actually use is a bathroom kit. One can fill a basket with toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, face wash, body wash and other bathroom essentials.

One can make the gift at a fairly reasonable price by purchasing cheap shampoo and conditioner or one can go to a nice hair salon and purchase salon quality hair products. A person could also go to the mall and grab a holiday body wash from a variety of stores while it is on sale throughout the holiday season. Wrap the basket in cellophane and a nice bow, and one has a really thoughtful and creative holiday present.

Gifting essentials is a great way to give or receive a nice sigh of relief from the financial stresses that come with being a full-time college student.

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A bottle of your friend's favorite brand of alcohol can be a simple and easy gift.

How to find the perfect liquor gift



The season of giving and gifting is upon us. Friends, family and even strangers gather to celebrate a season for sharing and caring for our fellow neighbors. A gift isn't merely an object or form of affection, it's a memory created by loved ones. One can say that there is no longer a standard form of common gift ideas. Each gift is hand-picked, and sometimes even made to cater to the person receiving the gift. The most important part of picking out a gift is knowing the person who receives it will love it. A gift that seems to be rising in popularity each year is liquor. The process of picking out a bottle of fine scotch for a father, grandfather or close friend can take just as much time as making a thoughtful gift. Kevin Neitzel, owner of The Fridge Wholesale Liquor Store located at 1150 Westport Drive, explained that it is mostly women who purchase liquor for men. "It's going to be probably 85 percent scotch and whiskey," Neitzel said. Neitzel said that though women are the majority, there are different types of people that buy liquor as gifts. Some customers who are ar-

chaic with their purchases know what to buy and when. "We have a lot of ladies that come in and get Pappy Van Winkle [and] Four Roses Limited Edition [bourbon], which are put out in the fall," Neitzel said. Because these rare and limited types of liquor are released in the fall, Neitzel said many women hound to the store in order to get their hands on a bottle. These limited edition whiskeys and scotches can run out in mere days according to Neitzel, if not in the same day. Even though receiving a bottle of scotch as a gift can be quite the gift, small liquor shooters are also a way of showing tokens of affections. Tyler Corcoran, senior in statistics, said even though outlandish bottles of liquor can be thoughtful, an affordable bottle of fine wine or liquor can be an equally appreciated gift. "I think there's a portion of value giving someone liquor as a gift," Corcoran said. "You don't [have to] necessarily go with a gag gift and don't just go with a regular bottle of wine, but go with something a little more eccentric." As a gag gift, Corcoran gave his friend a 6 foot tall candy cane-shaped container full of holiday inspired shooters. Corcoran said there is a fine line between the people he knows who he can give a liquor gag gift to and a bottle of whiskey to. "There's an appropriate age group to give these types of gifts and right time to give them," Corcoran said. "Things like beer are more of a social thing to bring to a Christmas party. It's

not really a gift." One must truly know the patron who will be receiving the bottle of liquor. The perfect bottle of liquor given to that person is a testament to how well they know each other and the status of the relationship. Brennen Sanderford, junior in finance, said even though he has not personally given liquor as a gift, it is something not to be taken lightly. "It depends on the dynamic of the family when considering giving liquor as a gift," Sanderford said. "Often, you know what your parents like and can buy them a drink that would fit their tastes better than their friends could." Sanderford finds that everyone's taste must be catered to when finding the perfect beverage gift. With personal experiences, Sanderford knows his father is a connoisseur of European imported beers as well as his preferred liquor, the Tanqueray London Dry gin. However, the process of choosing who to give liquor as a gift is one Sanderford said he finds to be a personal matter. As the holiday season approaches, one must really understand the taste people have towards their alcohol beverage of choice. The tone equals out to the different preference each person has. The closer the acquaintances the better the gift of liquor should be, making it more sentimental and ultimately creating memories.

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DIY gifts for significant others just in time for the holidays



Every holiday season, the hot-button question becomes what to get for those in relationships. Even though people may know their significant others more than any other people in their lives, it can still be quite daunting trying to come up with a gift — for any occasion — to get for them. This holiday season, break free from the box. Instead of going out and searching store after store for a gift, try making something. There are simple, do-it-yourself gifts that come from the heart and are incredibly inexpensive. Here are a few I have seen or made that may come in handy as the holiday season continues to draw near. **52 Reasons Why I Love You** This is one of the most creative, yet simple things one could make for their significant other. Buy or find an underused deck of cards. On each card, put a sentence incorporating the number or place of the card. For example, on an eight card, one could put "Eight — for the eight months we have been together" or on a king card "King — I am your king, and it is always their job to protect their queen." At the end of the deck, one will have 52 reasons why or how they love their significant others. For everyone

in a relationship who plans on doing this, you should be able to come up with 52 reasons why you love the person you are with. A deck of cards averages around \$2.99 at most local stores including WalMart and Target. Use a permanent marker from around the house to write the sentences onto the cards. One can punch a hole in the corner of each card in the same place and connect them with a metal ring. If that doesn't sound appealing, feel free to just slide the deck back into its original packaging. This is perfect for a boyfriend or a girlfriend. People often ask their significant others for a homemade gift, made from the heart. This is simple, cheap and puts into words what some people struggle with on a day-to-day basis. **Pictures, Frames and Love Notes** This section will feature more than one craft idea because there are so many things one can do with the dozens, if not hundreds of photos people in relationships take together. The first idea is one of the most basic. Find one of your or your significant other's favorite photos and print it out. Find a nice frame, most cost around \$9.99 with varying sizes available, that either you or your partner like. Place it in there, wrap it and call it good. An addition to the above suggestion is writing a love note on the back panel of the frame. This is a simple way to remember when and where

in your relationship the two of you were. Then, when someone is cleaning the frame or has to move it, it is a simple reminder of how in love the two of you were and hopefully still are. Another idea involving photos is to buy a matted frame and place an appropriate photo within. These are the frames where there is white, ivory color, gray or black card stock, for lack of a better word, around the placed photos. Find particularly a nice photo, maybe a professionally done photo, have it printed and placed in the hole in the matted frame. On the side of the matted frame that faces out, write a love note to your significant other. When the frame is hanging on the wall, forever you and your partner, spouse or boyfriend or girlfriend will have a daily reminder of the love the two of you share. It's a simple, basic reminder to show each other how much one another mean to the other. Even though it may be time consuming, it will be worth it. Frames can cost anywhere from \$4.99 to \$49.99, depending on the quality of the frame, details on the frame, etc. Find one that works for you. Photos can cost anywhere from 15 cents to \$5 to print depending on the size and paper the photo is printed on. These are simple and cheap ways to show your significant other you care about them, especially if you need to make something from the heart. They are cost effective, as well as provide



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One cheap, homemade way to show your love to your significant other is through created "52 Reasons Why I Love You," by using a typical deck of cards and sentences professing your love based on the face value of the card.

daily reminders of the love between the two people. **Personalize or Engrave It** This is probably the most expensive thing to do on the list of things to gift to one's partner. But, if you've presented a promise ring, become engaged, married or even just plan on giving any piece of jewelry, get it engraved. Personalize the piece of jewelry with a short kind

saying, phrase or few words to show how important your significant other is to you. Potentially add the year you plan on presenting the silver or gold item. The person receiving it will be able to forever remember this particular holiday season. There are many different ways for students to essentially gift by doing it themselves. It make take a bit more time than just running to the store, but it will show

that you are able to give something from the heart that has sentimental value. Things made from the heart are worth the time invested to make them, as they are usually appreciated more than just a simple material good. Jakki Thompson is a junior in Journalism and American Ethnic Studies. Please send all comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

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The gift of happiness: put Arizona under the tree

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On Sunday night, the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, which will take place on December 28 in Tempe, Arizona, announced a matchup featuring K-State and Michigan. The Wildcats, who have become frequent participants in postseason bowl games since Bill Snyder took over the head coaching reigns in 1988, will be back in the desert a year after falling to Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale last season. Since bowls take place over the university's winter break, typically in a vacation destination-type city, a huge percentage of students would jump at the opportunity to take a road trip to cheer on the Wildcats. If you have one of these students in your life and the financial means to do it, chances are you can't do much better for a Christmas gift

than making such a trip happen. There's a lot that goes into a trip to a sporting event in another state, but I'll stick to the three most important details: travel, lodging, and tickets.

Travel

There are about 1,100 miles between Manhattan and Tempe, presenting the biggest challenge of the trip: travel. Your primary options are to book a plane ticket or hit the road. There are a number of costs and benefits associated with each. The most cost-effective way to get to Tempe is to make the 20-hour drive. At 25 miles per gallon, you'll spend around \$170 on gas each way. An easy way to cut this cost down is to bring a few people along to pitch in at the pump – a decision that will prove beneficial later on with lodging and other expenses. A major advantage in driving your-

self is that you won't have to pay for taxis to get around the sprawling Phoenix metro like you would if you flew. Plus, you'll drive past some pretty cool territory as you drive west. You'll see the Sandia Mountains outside Albuquerque, N.M. before entering into the Colorado Plateau in northwest New Mexico. From there, you'll drive through the largest ponderosa pine forest in the world until you pass the San Francisco Peaks in Flagstaff, Ariz. Then, as you head south to Phoenix, Ariz., you'll drop more than a mile in elevation and pass sprawling expanses of saguaro cacti. If you're looking to spend a little more money to cut down on travel time, you can book round-trip airfare from Kansas City International Airport to Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport on Southwest Airlines starting for around \$500. This is an option in which costs will

stack up quickly: a checked bag fee here and a cab fare there will definitely add up.

Lodging

If there's anything Phoenix has more than enough of, besides malls, it's hotels. However, booking in advance is a smart move if you want to be close to the stadium as throngs of people in purple or maize-and-blue will flock to the area between Christmas and New Year's. The best rate I found for Thursday, Dec. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 29 was \$48 per night at the Ramada Tempe/Arizona Mills Mall. The reviews on Google Hotel Finder checked out pretty well, so it wouldn't hurt to book soon before the rooms fill up or the rates climb. Obviously, if you're looking for some nicer digs, they can be found all over the metro on almost any budget.

Ticket

K-State's 11,000 ticket allotment offers some prime seating for the game at Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium. The best route to go for a student is to purchase through the university. For ICAT pass holders, they are available at the Bramlage Ticket Office starting this morning, and they'll go on sale to all other students Thursday. Student tickets cost \$55 apiece. If you plan on sitting with friends, you'll need to go to purchase your tickets together. All in all, a complete bowl experience can be gifted for as low as around \$600, depending on miscellaneous costs like food. For a K-State football fan, there can't be much better than a mini-vacation to Arizona to watch the Wildcats take on Michigan.

Intangible presents can be more meaningful, less expensive



Marissa Haake

Many holiday gifts are great because they are items that people have anticipated all year. However, some of the most impactful gifts are intangible. Many people would love the gift of time, skill instruction or the chance to do good in another country. The gift of time might be one of the most precious gifts of all. Many nonprofit organizations are in need of volunteers to give their time for a good cause. Harvesters, located in Topeka and Kansas City, Kan., is always willing to accept donations of time from community members. One can sign up by submitting a

volunteer interest form online at harvesters.org. "It is so important to give time to volunteer during the holidays," Alex Chase, freshman in nutritional sciences, said. "There are so many people that all they ask for is your time to volunteer, to serve supper or to talk to the elderly. It is just so satisfying to see how happy they are after you help them and just give them some attention." Another intangible gift that people will really appreciate is one's skill or expertise. Everybody has a skill at something that others may value greatly. Maybe someone is a fitness guru and could give the gift of a personal training session. Another might be skilled at some instrument, gifting a music lesson on how to play a song in just a couple of hours. Or spend some time teaching a child how to read a new book. New life skills are something that many people will appreciate and value.

A very popular gift movement is elephant adoption. One can adopt an elephant in Kenya through a program called "The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust — The Baby Elephant Foster Parent Programme." The \$50 donation goes toward the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust that has saved more than 30 orphaned infant calves that otherwise would have perished. They send the calves to the Tsavo East National Park that offers the elephants the necessary space they need to live in the safe wildlife. The \$50 fee gets the recipient an adoption certificate, an interactive map indicating where the orphaned elephant was found, monthly updates and most importantly, the contribution to saving an elephant's life. World Vision also offers a holiday gift catalog filled with options for sending gifts to communities in places where children are in the

high amounts of poverty. The catalog offers live animals and lessons for families to teach them how to raise the animals and utilize them for meals and materials. World Vision offers things from chickens that hatch eggs for the children, to goats for milk and other dairy products to cows, sheep and pigs. The catalog is filled with animals each listed at a price and how it will impact a child's life. One can also purchase water pumps to give clean water to places where water is extremely contaminated. World Vision has bug nets and vaccinations that can also be sent to places where they are needed most. One original present World Vision offers is independence to a disabled child or adult by shipping and delivering wheelchairs. The catalog is filled with different options in a variety of price ranges for people to choose what they would like to give to children and families overseas. They

also have an online ordering system at donate.worldvision.org. "Every year, as an extended family, we adopt a family," Jordan Jones, junior in entrepreneurship, said. "A couple years back we were talking about how we did not know what to get each other and someone suggested this idea. We all give each other a present, and then choose to donate that present to the family that we have adopted for that year." In recent years, online sites have begun to pop up and allow people to name and adopt a star in the sky. One site that you can do this on is called StarMoniker. One will pay \$40-60 to receive star-adoption documentation in the mail. It's a way to give a loved one a star. The person can name it whatever they would like and send it back to StarMoniker in the mail. However, this is likely not very official because the only official star registry is

published by the International Astronomical Union. The International Astronomical Union catalog is used by astronomers and each star has exact coordinates and is given a number, not a name. This means that for the officials, all stars are not technically named with these so-called adoption certificates. "It was a really meaningful gift to my grandpa," Kat Sesenich, sophomore in microbiology, said about the star she adopted in honor of her grandfather. "It was a reminder that we are always thinking of him. I do have to admit that it is actually hard to locate his star, though." There are many other options online of non-tangible items that could make you or another person even happier during the holiday season. Marissa Haake is a sophomore in pre-journalism. Please send all comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

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Students’ personalities, relationships lend to different gifting traditions



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There are different ways to gift to those around you, whether it’s participating in a White Elephant exchange or Secret Santa or buying gifts for everyone on your list.

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People around the holidays give presents to families, coworkers and friends all different ways. Some will give everyone a present and others do a large white elephant.

“My family has a tradition where we open one gift on Christmas Eve,” Whitney Crow, sophomore in life sciences, said. “It started when we [my three brothers and I] were younger because we couldn’t wait for the next morning. It’s cool because we got to start our own personal tradition.”

When giving gifts to her family, Crow and her brothers

usually combine their money together to get each of their parents a few gifts. According to Crow, her siblings will sometimes exchange one or two gifts with each other that may be funny or something they would like.

For Crow’s extended family, gifting is a little bit different.

“We have a 16-year-old-and-over Dirty Santa with gifts costing less than \$20,” Crow said. “While the kids younger tend to get personalized gifts, one from each family.”

Tanner Slead, senior in animal science, said he prefers to give people gifts that he could actually see them using on a regular basis. Slead said it makes it more thoughtful if the

gift is useful to that individual.

“In my family, everyone will get a gift for each other,” Slead said. “It’s nice that we are able to get something for each person.”

With Slead’s extended family they do a large gift exchange.

“For everyone [older than] 21, each person draws a name out of a hat and gets a gift for that person, and for everyone [younger than] 21 and the grandparents, each family gets them a gift,” Slead said.

There is one downfall with this system though – less gifts.

“It’s a bummer that I don’t get a ton of presents anymore, but getting a gift for one person is a lot easier then shopping

for my entire family,” Slead said. “The white elephant gift exchange we do are usually pretty nice gifts.”

Some traditions are funny and some are sentimental, but the Slead’s have a joke gift that goes around every year.

“It’s a massive canvas painting of a poodle, and if you are gifted it one year, you have to keep it somewhere out in the open for the entire year, and are then allowed to gift it to someone randomly the next Christmas,” said Slead. “It’s pretty funny to see the reaction of the person who gets it gifted to them that year.”

Alex Tountas, senior in English, said with her friends they have a white elephant

party.

“It is with all my friends from back home in Chicago,” Tountas said. “I don’t get to see them a ton, so this is a great tradition we started and have done it for the last three years. The group is about 20 of us girls, and it hasn’t really changed. We usually spend like \$10 and people give some funny gifts to one another.”

Tountas said it is a different situation with her family.

“With my family, my parents still give us gifts,” Tountas said. “Me and each of my brothers, when we were little, would make lists of everything we wanted for Christmas. [Then], my mom would mail the lists to Santa. She will still

sometimes put ‘From Santa’ on [some of] our Christmas presents.”

Crow said with her friends, they tend to exchange small gifts like candy or a decorated craft with each other.

“Within my sorority and friend group we tend to do a Secret Santa or just get small personalized gifts for each other,” Crow said. “We don’t have to spend a ton, and it’s a great way to end the year and have a fun get together with my close friends.”

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Latest tech devices a hot commodity as usual this holiday season



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Though the 64GB Kindle Fire HDX model is \$200 cheaper than an 16GB iPad Air, the Apple product still proves to be a popular option for technology gifts.



Tate Steinlage

Technology items are a hot commodity for holiday shoppers every year. This year is no different with new video game consoles, phones, tablets and a whole lot more to rave about.

These six items are the hottest technology gifts that are worth your money this holiday season and are sure to bring a smile to you or a loved

one this holiday season.

Apple iPhone 5s

The iPhone 5s is the latest spinoff of the iPhone brand. iPhone 5s introduces the first A7 chip to the iPhone family, giving it a substantial boost of functioning speed inside Apple's smallest phone design — 4.87 inches tall and 2.31 inches wide. The phone

gives its users the ability to be identified with a Touch ID fingerprint identity, a sensor that replaces typing in a password to unlock the phone. Though it is the smallest Apple smart phone, it features the largest retina display and resolution capacity at 4 inches and 1136-by-640, respectively.

While the price tag of the iPhone 5c may catch your eye, the improvements that the iPhone 5s bring to the table are enough to justify the higher price, especially if you're a storage nut and need more than the iPhone 5c's top 32GB unit. It's a smaller, faster and prettier unit that is unmatched in the cellular market. Plus, who needs to type in a password when your phone can read your fingerprints?

Price (with contract): 16GB \$199, 32GB \$299, 64GB \$399

PlayStation 4

The PlayStation 4 is the latest Sony video game console and rival to the Xbox One. The system is noticeably smaller than the original design of the PlayStation 3 at 10.8 inches wide and 12 inches long. Inside, the machine packs a punch with high-end PC architecture that's been said to be 50 percent more powerful than the Xbox One. The PlayStation 4 also has a "remote play" feature with the PlayStation Vita handheld, where one can play every console title on your PlayStation Vita using a wireless connection. So, if you're wanting to watch football but want to keep on playing "Call of Duty: Ghosts," you can do so using remote play via PlayStation Vita.

Simply put, it's \$100 cheaper than the Xbox One and has the potential to be more powerful in terms of its tech specs. However, Sony really has the advantage in online play with PlayStation Plus. Plus offers countless new and recently released games for free, including titles like "Resogun" and "Blacklight: Retribution" right out of the gate. If you're only interested in playing games, the PlayStation 4 is for you.

Price: \$399

Xbox One

The Xbox One is the newest video game console from Microsoft that aims to take over the living room as the "all-in-one entertainment system." The new Kinect is at the forefront of the Xbox One and features vast improvements to video and voice over its Xbox 360 predecessor. Users can use both the controller and Kinect to navigate the dashboard and switch between apps and games seamlessly. The Xbox One also gives users the ability to multitask using the "snap" feature. For example, if you're playing a game and would like to watch your favorite show on Netflix at the same time, all you have to do is say "Xbox, snap Netflix" and the console will pull up the application in a side window.

The console really does deliver on its entertainment promises, while revealing promise for the longevity of the system. But surprise, it's also a great video game console with a lineup of exclusive games like "Ryse: Son of Rome," "Dead Rising 3" and

"Forza 5." While it is \$100 more than the PlayStation 4, the Xbox One does stand out as a living room giant in terms of entertainment ability.

Price: \$499

Fitbit Flex

Fitbit Flex is a wireless fitness tracker and sleep wristband. Flex tracks steps, distance, calories burned and active minutes to push you towards your daily goal. Fitbit Flex updates you with a simple LED light design that matches the style of the wristband. It also has the ability to monitor your sleep and wake you with a silent alarm.

Unlike most fitness wristbands, Fitbit Flex actually has a sleek and stylish design that looks great with any outfit. Flex also doesn't ever need to be taken off. It can be worn in the shower, in the pool or during a sporting event. Most importantly, Fitbit Flex is an excellent tool to monitor your fitness and keeping you challenged to meet your daily goal with a simple LED concept.

Price: \$99.95

Kindle Fire HDX

The Kindle Fire HDX is a follow-up to the 2012 Kindle Fire HD. The tablet features a 2.2 quad-core GHz processor that is the fastest of any 7 inch tablet. The resolution has also been improved to 1920 x 1200, yet still holds an impressive 11-hour battery life. Lastly, Kindle Fire HDX includes millions of Android and Amazon cloud apps and games, including the ability to download titles from Amazon instant video for Amazon Prime members.

Why you should buy it is summarized in one word: price. The Kindle Fire HDX starts at \$229 for the 16GB model and runs to \$309 for the 64GB model — the latter of which is nearly \$200 cheaper than the 16GB iPad Air. The tablet runs fast and bests the iPad in many features. For the price, there's no better holiday tablet than the Kindle Fire HDX.

Price: 16GB \$229, 32GB \$269, 64GB \$309


Roku 2

The Roku 2 is a streaming media player for your TV. The device has the ability to stream more than 1,000 channels of movies, TV shows, sports and more in 1080p HD. Roku 2 also allows headphone usage via the device's remote, so that one can watch without disturbing anyone else in the house.

Unlike the Roku 3, Roku 2 works with virtually all TV's and trashes some of the gimmick features that the third iterations boasts. Plus, Roku 2 is the last device of the Roku brand to feature channel shortcuts that make accessing different channels much easier. You won't find a more complete media option at a comparable price, especially one that connects wirelessly. Roku 2 is an impressive piece of hardware all around.

Price: \$79.99

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